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SUBJ: TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

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1. REGRETTABLY WE ARE BACK TO SQUARE 1 ON TRYING TO WORK OUT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE STANDARD TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT QTE IT CANNOT DICTATE ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES TO OTHER ELEMENTS OF GOI. UNQTE IT URGES, THEREFORE, THAT WE SEEK TO WORK OUT DIRECTLY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL GOI MINISTRIES OR AGENCIES INVLOVED. GIVEN U.S. INSISTENCE AND INDEED GOI AGREEMENT (AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE) THAT ALL COSTS FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY GOI, THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS US WITH A POTENTIALLY INORDINATELY COMPLICATED SITUATION. IF WE ARE TO ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT REIMBURSEMENT ON A SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE BASIS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO EMBARK ON A NEGOTIATING AND COORDINATING OPERATION THAT THE GOI ITSELF APPEARS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE. WHILE IT IS CONCEIVABLY POSSIBLE TO DO SO, IT WILL OBVIOUSLY TAKE SOME TIME AND TDY EXPERT ASSIS-
TANCE.

2. ALTERNATIVELY, WE CAN LEAVE IT TO EACH US AGENCY AND
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ITS IRANIAN COUNTERPART TO NEGOTIATE OUT ALL ASPECTS OF INDIVIDUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PROVISION FOR LOGISTICAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. FUNDING FOR SUCH CENTRALIZED SUPPORT SERVICES, AS THE EMBASSY MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE,

WOULD HAVE TO BE FACTORED INTO THESE INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS AND
SOME MEANS PROVIDED FOR CENTRALIZED PAYMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.
WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO ENSURE THAT THESE AGREEMENTS HAVE COMMON
TERMS AND PROVISIONS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST GUIDANCE OR VIEWS AS TO HOW WE
MIGHT PROCEED.

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